

## STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



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ATTN: L.L. Cole, BLDG Z-144, 1st FLOOR COMMANDING OFFICER NAVFAC MIDLANT 9324 VIRGINIA AVE NORFOLK, VA 23511-3095

re: Sampling and Analysis Plan, OU8 Remedial Investigation, Red-line strikeout version, Portsmouth NSY, Kittery, Maine, Feb. 2015.

Dear Linda,

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection has completed its review of the subject document. We have the following comments.

- 1. 11.4 Analytic Approach. "There is no decision rule for the EPH data collected, as the data is being collected for informational purposes and no decisions for remedial action will be made based on the results." MEDEP disagrees that the EPH data are for informational purposes only. MEDEP's EPH criteria are risk-based and therefore an exceedance of these criteria in soil indicates unacceptable risk. Should EPH values in soil at OU8 exceed MEDEP Tier II values for Outdoor Commercial Worker and Excavation Construction Worker further discussion will be required. It may be necessary for the Navy to remove soil based on exceedances of EPH criteria.
- 2. Section 10.4.3. Please explain why the Navy removed the fuel oil tanks as potential sources.
- 3. Thank you for providing the logs from the 1998 SI. However, our June 11, 2014 comment was referring to the boring logs associated with work at Buildings 92 and 174 that are mentioned in worksheet 13. Those logs need to be in the final SAP, or at least in the report for the investigation (logs and data were provided to MEDEP via email 11/6/2013 for the 2011 test pits, however the other 2010 boring logs referenced in the SAP are not included). Please include them as an appendix as they will contribute to the characterization of the site for the remedial investigation.

Please feel free to contact me at (207) 287-8010 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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